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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington 25, D. C.
Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: The United States Intelligence Board
SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Intelligence

1. The attached memorandum from Mr. McGeorge Bundy requests an assessment and report on the problem of improving the collection, coordination and analysis of intelligence concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc, as recommended by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in its report to the President of 4 October 1961.

2. The attached request has been referred to the Assistant for Coordination and his Staff to undertake the required assessment on a community-wide basis and prepare a draft report by 15 December 1961 for USIB consideration and submission to the White House by 31 December 1961. In preparing this report, the Coordination Staff will consult with appropriate agencies and chairmen of USIB committees.

(Signed)
C. P. CABELL
General, USAF
Acting Director

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE - GENERAL

We applaud the actions which have been taken in recent times by some of the member agencies of the intelligence community to improve their respective efforts to collect and assess information concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc. We believe, however, that some of these efforts have been piecemeal in character; that they have not been coordinated fully; and that they have not taken sufficient advantage of the scientific and technical competence available to our intelligence community both within and without the Government. Accordingly we recommend that the United States Intelligence Board make an early and thorough assessment of the problem with a view to improving the collection, coordination, and analysis of intelligence concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc.

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